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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Lee and Esquela  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 22, 2001 (Paper No. 7), reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

Claims 15, 16, 18 to 22 and 44 are pending.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, July 20, 2001 in an envelope addressed to: Box AF, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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